

### [54] CONTROLLING FORCEPS

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### ABSTRACT

A uterine controlling forceps particularly useful for manipulation of the soft post-abortion or post-partum uterus during laparoscopic sterilization consists of a pair of tips gently curved to rise about 90° to parallel side-by-side shank portions, a pair of generally rectilinear handle members extending from the shank portions at an angle of about 20° and diverging when the tips are closed an amount at least as great as the maximum divergence desired at the tips, a hinge connecting said handle portions with the pivotal axis thereof parallel to and generally axially aligned with the longitudinal axes of the shank portions and a spring normally urging the tips of the forceps into the open position.

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